

Images of Fort Monroe's Historic Buildings on Display

Residents can get a historic glimpse into Fort Monroe. The Office of the Assessor of Real Estate is displaying copies of images and drawings of several fort structures, originally produced as part of the Historic American Buildings Survey.

The Fort Monroe display is located in the Customer Service Center of the Office of the Assessor of Real Estate, located on the first floor of the Ruppert Sargent Building, 1 Franklin Street. It is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Access to all the items in the display is available at www.nps.gov/history/hdp/coll.htm.

The Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) was established in 1933 following a proposal by Charles Peterson, a young National Park Service landscape architect. It was founded as a make-work program for architects, draftsmen and photographers left jobless by the Great Depression. The first HABS recorders were tasked with documenting a representative sampling of America's architectural heritage. By creating an archive of historic architecture, HABS provided a data base of primary source material for the then fledgling historic preservation movement. Other Hampton sites documented by HABS include Eagle Point, Campbellton, NASA Langley Research Center and the Newport News and Old Point Railway and Electric Company.

